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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventor: Mark A. Reiley

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Action mailed September 12, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expired on October 12, 2006. Applicant requests herewith an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for ONE month extending the time for response to November 12, 2006. This response is filed before the extended deadline and is therefore timely.

REMARKS

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicant wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies extended by Examiner Isabella during the Interview on October 24, 2006. The Examiner's comments were helpful to Applicant in preparing this Response.